

# SEABROOK READY



Items purchased with Public Safety Funds, see page 10 for additional information

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SEASON  
IS JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
THROUGH  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

# INCLEMENT WEATHER

## HURRICANES, FLOODS & TORNADOES

Hurricanes are extremely powerful storms that can cause catastrophic damage and loss of life. Strong winds, storm surge, tornadoes, flooding and more are all hazards associated with hurricanes and tropical storms. When a severe storm is approaching, you may have little time to prepare and it is possible you will need to survive on your own for an extended period of time. Local officials and relief workers will be on scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days, weeks, or even longer.

## FLOOD INSURANCE

Only a few inches of water in your home can cost tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Losses due to flooding are not covered under most homeowners or business insurance policies. However, flood insurance is available to protect homes and businesses in Seabrook,

which participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.



Do not attempt to drive through high water, it is not worth the risk. "**Turn Around, Don't Drown.**"

### When purchasing flood insurance:

- Flood losses are not typically covered under renter and home-owner's insurance policies.
- The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) makes federally-backed flood insurance available in communities that agree to adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage.
- There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance goes into effect, so don't delay!
- Flood insurance is available whether or not the building is located in an identified flood-prone area.

Visit [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) for more information about the National Flood

## WATCH VS. WARNING

**WATCH:** Lets you know that weather conditions are favorable for a hazard to occur. It means "be on guard!" During a weather Watch, be aware of the specific threat and prepare for action.

**WARNING:** Requires **immediate action**. This means a weather hazard is imminent or it is occurring. Grab your "Go Bag" (see page 2) and head to safety immediately.

Both Watches and Warnings are important, but Warnings are more urgent.







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# EMERGENCY PLAN



Out-of-Town Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Important Medical Info: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent.*

## Work Location One

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Location One

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Work Location Two

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Location Two

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Places You Frequent

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evacuation Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Information

Doctor 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Homeowners/Rental Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Veterinarian/Kennel

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.*



# HAVING A PLAN



## YOUR FAMILY MAY NOT BE TOGETHER WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO PLAN IN ADVANCE

Do you have children in daycare or school? Do you or your spouse work outside the home? How will you contact each other? How will you get back together? What will you do in different situations?

- ☐ **Identify an out-of-town contact.** It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- ☐ **Memorize phone numbers.** Be sure every member of your family knows the phone numbers and has a cell phone or the ability to call emergency contacts. If you have a cell phone, save emergency contacts as “ICE” (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you have listed them as emergency contacts.
- ☐ **Use text messaging.** Make sure all family members know how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.
- ☐ **Subscribe to the Seabrook Alerts** at [www.seabrooktx.gov/alerts](http://www.seabrooktx.gov/alerts). With this system, the City can give you important information via phone, text or email. Register your cell phone as well so you will receive alerts when you are not at home.
- ☐ **Consider the various types of emergencies that could occur in our area.** Flooding, hurricanes, chemical spills, etc. Use this guide to discuss with your family what you would do in each situation. Depending on the circumstances, you may have to shelter in place or evacuate. Have a plan for both possibilities.
- ☐ **Complete the Family Emergency Plan Worksheet.** Page-3 will get you started with your plan. Make sure every family member has a copy of this information and keep another copy in your emergency supply kit.

## KEEP IN MIND

You should inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends the most time: work, daycare, school, faith organizations and sporting events. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one. Talk to community leaders, your colleagues, neighbors and members of faith or civic organizations about how you can work together in the event of an emergency. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance.

# STAYING INFORMED

## REGISTER FOR SEABROOK ALERTS

SEABROOKTX.GOV/ALERTS



Seabrook Alerts are important notifications sent by the City of Seabrook directly to residents. These notifications include information and updates on emergencies, traffic, road construction, amber alerts, water issues, evacuations and much more. Listen to instructions from local officials for information on evacuation times and routes. After the storm, stay at your destination until advised to return home by local officials.

## INSTANT ALERTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



/SEABROOKTX



@SEABROOKTX



NEXTDOOR.COM

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND USEFUL WEBSITES

Seabrook City Hall

281-291-5600

Seabrook Police Department

281-291-5610

Office of Emergency Management

281-291-5700

Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department

281-291-5757

Harris County Information Center

[readyharris.org](http://readyharris.org)

Houston-Galveston Area Council

[h-gac.com](http://h-gac.com)

Texas Department of Public Safety

[preparingtexas.org](http://preparingtexas.org)

Texas Department of State & Health Services

[texasprepares.org](http://texasprepares.org)

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[fema.gov](http://fema.gov)

National Hurricane Center

[nhc.noaa.gov](http://nhc.noaa.gov)

Red Cross

[redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

Harris County Citizen Corps

[harriscountycitizencorps.com](http://harriscountycitizencorps.com)

Flood Smart

[floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov)

**CALL EMERGENCY**  
**9-1-1**  
FIRE · POLICE · MEDICAL · RESCUE

# BUILDING A KIT

No matter what the disaster, you need to have food, water and essential supplies available. Chances are, you already have many essentials for a disaster kit. Gather them first; then go shopping for the rest. Pack your supplies in a portable container. If you have a large family, divide them into two or three containers. Keep your supplies near your car, ready to load in a moment's notice. And don't forget to periodically replace items that may expire, such as food and batteries.

## CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio
- ☐ Extra Batteries
- ☐ Water: 1 gallon per person, per day, for at least 3 days
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Medications, prescriptions, medical equipment, etc.
- ☐ Food: 3-day supply of non-perishable canned foods and can opener
- ☐ Pet supplies (See page 8)
- ☐ Important documents: copies of insurance, birth certificates, etc.
- ☐ Toiletries: toilet paper, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Baby supplies: diapers, wipes, bottles, formula, etc.
- ☐ Emergency contact list
- ☐ Tool kit

## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR "GO BAG"

In addition to your full emergency supply kit, you should have one or two smaller "Go Bags" in your workplace, vehicle, or other place you spend time. A "Go Bag" is a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation, especially if you are not at home when an evacuation order is issued. A "Go Bag" should be packed in a sturdy, easy-to-carry, preferably water resistant container such as a backpack or suitcase on wheels.



## PREPARE A "SHELTER-IN-PLACE KIT"

1. **Use the scissors** to cut the plastic sheeting. Cut a sheet for each door, window, vent, and ceiling fan. Make sure each sheet is several inches larger in each dimension than what you are covering.
2. **Cover all doors, windows and vents** with plastic sheeting. Duct tape the corners first, then tape down all edges.

- ☐ Duct Tape
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ First Aid kit
- ☐ Plastic Sheetting (at least 2-4mm thick)
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ AM/FM Radio
- ☐ Flashlight

*A shelter-in-place may be issued during a chemical incident, see Page-8 for more details.*



# PEOPLE & PETS

## DO YOU OR A LOVED ONE NEED HELP EVACUATING?

Consider what you would do during an evacuation. If you do not have a vehicle, cannot drive, or cannot make transportation arrangements with family or friends, **dial 2-1-1** to register for the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) prior to the storm.



**DIAL 2-1-1 OR VISIT [STEAR.DPS.TEXAS.GOV](http://STEAR.DPS.TEXAS.GOV) TO REGISTER EVERY JANUARY:**

- If you have a disability or special health care need and require assistance to get out
- If you cannot drive and cannot arrange transportation
- If you do not have a vehicle and you have no one else to help you evacuate

## IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS IN YOUR EMERGENCY KIT, YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER:



Medicine and medical treatments for at least a week



Copies of prescriptions, medical insurance, Medicare & Medicaid cards



Family records, wills and power of attorney documents



Extra eyeglasses, hearing aid & batteries, wheelchair batteries and oxygen

## HOW TO PREPARE A “PET EMERGENCY KIT”

- ☐ **FOOD**, at least a 3-day supply in an airtight, waterproof container
- ☐ **WATER**, 1-gallon per pet, per day, for at least 3 days
- ☐ **LEASH** with ID tags
- ☐ **PHOTOS** of you and your pet together, in case of separation
- ☐ **MEDICINE**, medical and immunization records
- ☐ **SANITATION** items: newspaper, litter box, paper towels, trash bags, etc.
- ☐ **TOYS**, treats and other familiar items
- ☐ **CRATE** or carrier with bedding



# CHEMICAL INCIDENTS

In the event of a chemical incident, whether it is happening at a chemical plant close by or if an accident occurred involving a tanker transporting chemicals, you will be notified by city officials. While the City of Seabrook does not have an outdoor siren system, you may hear sirens from local chemical plants. Monitor the city's social media and if you do not hear anything from Seabrook, then there is probably no need for alarm. Visit [seabrooktx.gov/alerts](http://seabrooktx.gov/alerts) to sign up to receive updates and alerts from the City of Seabrook.



Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department assists with ITC fire in Deer Park, Texas

## DURING A CHEMICAL INCIDENT

**Remain Calm.** Carefully listen to the instructions of local authorities. If instructed to shelter in place, do it. DO NOT attempt to leave your home.

**Identify a Safe Place** prior to a shelter in place event. It is a good idea to identify an area of your home, preferably in an interior room with no doors or windows. Make sure your entire family knows this location and goes there during a chemical incident.

**Do Not Try to Pick-Up Your Child From School** when a notification of a chemical emergency is received, Seabrook schools will quickly respond by sheltering children safely within the school. All doors will be locked and access in and out of the school will be restricted. Opening a door to the outside may put your child at risk of being exposed to a potentially dangerous chemical.

**Do Not Call 9-1-1** unless you are reporting an emergency at your location. Too many calls can overwhelm the system and potentially prevent emergency calls from reaching dispatchers. It is also a good idea to stay off your phone so officials can reach you with important information.

**Grab your "Go Bag."** While an evacuation may be unlikely during a chemical incident, it is a possibility. If told to evacuate grab your "Go Bag" and follow the routes established by local authorities.

**Do Not Go Outside** until the "All Clear" has been given. The all clear will be communicated through Seabrook Alerts and on social media.

## SHELTER-IN-PLACE

**Go Inside.** Close all doors and windows. Turn off A/C or heating systems.

**Stay Connected.** Social media is a great way to keep updated on current situations. Check out Page-1 for a list of our social media and other resources to help you stay informed.

**Follow Instructions from Local Officials.** Do not go outside until you are advised it is safe to do so by local authorities.

Another important resource to have on hand is a "Shelter in Place Kit". Refer to Page-4 for additional information.



# VOLUNTEER

## SEABROOK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) is a volunteer fire department and provides fire suppression and emergency services to the cities of Seabrook and El Lago. They offer three types of memberships:

**Regular Member** – Regular members must be at least 18 years of age, of good character, in good physical condition and work or reside within 1.5 miles of the SVFD primary response area.

**Junior Member** – Junior members must meet the same requirements as a regular member and are between the ages of 16 and 18 years with parental or guardian consent.

**Associate Member** – Associate members are 18 years of age or older, of character and want to assist the department in its endeavors to provide good service.

To learn more about the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department or to fill out an application, visit [seabrookfd.com](http://seabrookfd.com).



## BAYCERT

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training promotes a partnership between professional emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations and work places in basic emergency response skills. CERT trained members enhance the emergency response capability for their area and we encourage you to attend their free 8-week training course.

The 8-week CERT training includes: Disaster Preparedness; Medical Triage/Treatment; Disaster Psychology; Terrorism Awareness; Fire Suppression; Light Search & Rescue; CERT Organization and ends with a comprehensive disaster simulation that employs all the skills covered in the course. If you are interested in registering for this course, contact BayCERT at [baycert@gmail.com](mailto:baycert@gmail.com).





# PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

Not only does the City of Seabrook want their citizens to be **SEABROOKREADY**, we want to be ready to assist our citizens, too! The voluntary public safety fund is collected via donations on Seabrook utility bills. The items purchased with public safety funds are utilized by first responders during public safety operations to assist in completing their tasks both quickly and safely. Seabrook has been able to purchase numerous items over the years through this fund, such as; a high water vehicles, emergency services command post, message boards, thermal imaging cameras, police training equipment, emergency operations tablets, rescue boats and AED's.



Seabrook Police Department's search and rescue ATV



Multi-use drones for search and rescue



Emergency signage and trailer for high-water situations



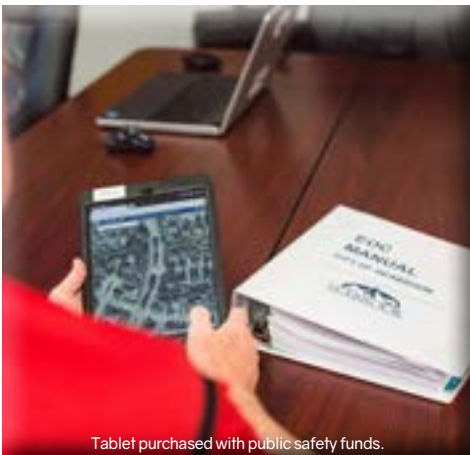
Seabrook Police Department's equipment trailer



SPD's search and rescue 4-wheeler



Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department's rescue boat



Tablet purchased with public safety funds.



Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department's rescue ATV



Stokes rescue trailer for off-road rescues

The City of Seabrook would like to thank you for your contribution to this fund and helping the city itself become **SEABROOKREADY**. If you would like to be removed from the public safety fund contribution list, contact the City of Seabrook Utility Billing Department at 281-291-5600.



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# SEABROOKREADY



## DEAR RESIDENTS,

Are you **SEABROOKREADY** and what does that mean to you?

As everyone knows the City of Seabrook sits on Galveston Bay and our main concern is something tropical coming our way resulting in widespread damage from wind and water, but this is not the only thing we need to be ready for.

When you are **SEABROOKREADY** it means that you are prepared for any kind of disaster or emergency that could affect the City of Seabrook. This includes Staying Informed, Having a Plan, and Building a Kit. If you have all of these things in place, you are Seabrook Ready.

This publication was created to help you get these items and plans in place before an emergency situation arises and it's too late. Some emergencies will have a warning but others will not and it's up to each citizen to stay informed, have plans in place, and kits ready to go.

**CONTACT THE OEM**  
281-291-5700  
oem@seabrooktx.gov  
[www.seabrooktx.gov/oem](http://www.seabrooktx.gov/oem)

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